



Envision Arlington Standing Committee

Date: Wednesday, June 16, 2021
Time: 7:30 - 9:00 PM
Location: Remote participation via Zoom

Minutes

Members in attendance: Scott Lever, Greg Christiana, Juli Brazile, Alex Bagnall, Michael Brownstein, Jagat Adhiya

Other attendees: Len Diggins, Rebecca Gruber

1. Introductions

Jagat was sworn in as a member of the Standing Committee. Jagat introduced himself to the committee.

Juli read the introductory statement about remote participation.

2. Review May 2021 Minutes

Reviewed. See below for approval.

3. Update on appointments to Standing Committee

Jagat is the latest appointment to the Standing Committee, appointed by Jenny Raitt, Director of Planning and Community Development. And Juli is filling the seat appointed by the Town Moderator. And there is one remaining opening to be appointed by the Town Manager.

4. Task Group Updates

Rebecca gave an update on the Monday DTG meeting. There were two presentations, one from Laura Kiesel about raising public awareness about a parking policy for disabled residents that was voted on by Town Meeting in recent years. Len says that the article in question was no-action and voted upon in the consent agenda. Rebecca and Len to follow-up separately to clear up any confusion about which parking policy this relates to. A second presentation covered the Police Civilian Advisory Board Study Group. There was also discussion of the DTG website which has not been updated in the past year; as a stop gap the website has been updated to indicate that the site is pending updates with a link to the town calendar. DTG to go on hiatus over the summer, to reconvene in September.

Michael gave an update on the Police Civilian Advisory Board Study Group which met on June 3. The group is continuing to do due diligence. The group is reviewing how they might release information publicly over time. Next meeting is June 22.

5. Discuss Civic Engagement

Greg presented the latest draft of a proposal for establishing a Civic Engagement Group. This was a lightly amended version of the proposal presented at last month's Standing Committee meeting, revised to incorporate feedback, including a change to

the Civic Research Group to be an ongoing subgroup rather than a one-time effort, and a definition of the term "civic".

Rebecca suggested explicitly calling out metrics for measuring satisfaction in residents' opportunities for civic participation, captured in the following bullet point under the Civic Research Group:

- "develop metrics for measuring residents' satisfaction with opportunities for civic participation"

The committee voted unanimously to create the Civic Engagement Group as a Task Group, and voted unanimously to appoint Greg Christiana as Task Group Chair of the new Civic Engagement Group.

6. Reappointment of Task Group Chairs

- The committee voted unanimously to reappoint Rebecca Gruber as Task Group (Co) Chair of the Diversity Task Group.
- The committee voted unanimously to reappoint Gordon Jamison and David White as Fiscal Resources Task Group Chairs.
- The committee voted unanimously to reappoint Brucie Molton and Tom Ehbrecht as Task Group Co-Chairs of Sustainable Arlington.
- The committee voted unanimously to reappoint Michael Brownstein as Task Group Co-Chair of the Education Task Group.

Remaining Task Group Chairs to be reappointed at our next meeting.

7. Discussion of Fall 2021 events

Len explained that in-person Fall events will be subject to state policy with regard to gathering in person. Town Day will not be held. Len discussed the possibility of Zoom-based precinct meetings, but they are unlikely to be hybrid. Alex to reach out to Jenny Raitt about providing educational resources related to housing policy.

8. Budget update

No update.

Juli asked if the \$3000 from last year would carry over. But we do not have confirmation. She mentioned a new product called "The Owl" which is a \$1000 360-degree panorama camera that works with Zoom, for use in hybrid in-person/remote meetings.

Rebecca asked about whether DTG and other Task Groups could continue to meet remotely going forward. There did not appear to be any objection.

9. Approval of Minutes

May minutes approved unanimously.

10. New Business

Alexander Franzosa appointed unanimously to the Youth and Young Adult Advisory Board Study Committee, as established by Article 17 at this year's Town Meeting.

*Next meeting is expected in August. Scott to follow-up with details.
Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.*